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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN IMPORT SURCHARGE AND BOP COMMITTEE

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1. TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT DEFENSE SURCHARGE ON IMPORTS INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 1965, WAS MERGED INTO CONSOLIDATED DUTIES STRUCTURE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1968. SIMILAR 25 PERCENT DEFENSE SURCHARGE LEVY ON SALES TAX ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 5, 1965 WAS ABOLISHED JULY 1970.

2. EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 15, 1973 FLOOD RELIEF SURCHARGE WAS LEVIED ON (A) ALL ITEMS PRESENTLY SUBJECT TO IMPORT DUTY (EXCEPT MACHINERY) AT RATE OF 25 PERCENT OF CUSTOM DUTY. (B) SUGAR AT RATE OF 50 PAISA PER SEER. (C) RETAIL PRICE OF CIGARETTES AT RATE OF FIVE TO 10 PAISA PER PACKET, AND (D) INCOME TAX AND SUPER TAX ON INCOMES PAYABLE FOR FY 1974 AT RATE OF 10 PERCENT. PERSONS
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DERIVING INCOME FROM MANUFACTURE, PURCHASE OR SALE OF

JEWELRY INCLUDING GOLD, SILVER, PRECIOUS METALS, PRE-
CIOUS STONES, PEARLS AND ORNAMENTS OR OTHER ARTICLES
MADE THEROF WERE SUBJECTED TO ADDITIONAL SIX PERCENT
SURCHARGE ON SUCH INCOME. IN ADDITION AUTOMOBILES NOT
EXCEEDING \$1800 IN VALUE WERE MADE SUBJECT TO SALES TAX
(IN ADDITION TO IMPORT DUTY OF 55PERCENT) AMOUNTING TO 20 PER-
CENT OF DUTY-PAID VALUE. THESE FLOOD RELIEF SURCHARGES
WERE GENERALLY WELCOMED BY MEMBERS OF PAK AID CONSORTIUM
(WHICH INCLUDES MOST MAJOR NON-COMMUNIST EXPORTERS OF MANUFACT-
URED GOODS) AS GOP SELF-HELP MEASURES COMPLEMENTING SPECIAL
FLOOD RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY DONOR COUNTRIES.
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